

# Comparisons of Job Characteristics

**Focus Occupation: Athletes and Sports Competitors (27-2021)**

**Associated Occupation: Umpires, Referees, and Other Sports Officials (27-2023)**

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<<	Focus occupation element is much lower
<	Focus occupation element is lower
0	Focus occupation element is at a similar level
>	Focus occupation element is at a higher level
>>	Focus occupation element is at a much higher level

## Knowledge

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 74

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Associated Occupation's Key Knowledge Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Psychology	6.4	7.9	8.2	0 Current knowledge level may be sufficient

The maximum possible rating is 25.

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section analysis of O\*NET (Occupation Information Network) data.

## Skills

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 91

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Associated Occupation's Key Skills Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Active Learning	8.7	9.5	7.6	< A higher skill level may be required
Negotiation	6.8	8.5	6.5	< A higher skill level may be required
Learning Strategies	7.2	8.1	6.4	< A higher skill level may be required

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## Abilities

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 43

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Associated Occupation's Key Abilities Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation
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Far Vision	7.8	11.5	8.5	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Flexibility of Closure	7.8	10.3	7.5	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Perceptual Speed	7.4	10.0	7.3	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Speed of Closure	5.9	9.1	4.8	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Gross Body Coordination	3.9	6.4	10.3	>>	Current ability level is likely more than sufficient

The maximum possible rating is 25.

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## Activities that Both Occupations Have in Common

Similarity of Focus  
Occupation to Associated  
Occupation: 90

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Work Activities	Exclusivity of Activity
Communicate visually or verbally	56
Follow sport rules or techniques	92

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily perform all of the listed activities. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the activity is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations engage in that activity.

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## Tools and Technologies that Both Occupations Have in Common

Similarity of Focus  
Occupation to Associated  
Occupation: n/a

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Tools and Technologies	Exclusivity
Tools and technology data is unavailable for one or both occupations.	

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily use all of the listed tools and technologies. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the tool or technology is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations use that tool or technology.

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